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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, SEATO, TH

SUBJECT: SEATO COUNCIL MEETING

1. RE ZAROLIS TELECON, SEATO SECRETARY GENERAL SUNTHORN WAS VERY PLEASED THAT SECRETARY PLANS TO GIVE ADDRESS AT OPENING SESSION OF SEATO COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 3RD. SUNTHORN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT MORNING SESSION.

2. RE SECRETARY'S OFFER TO HOST LUNCHEON OCTOBER 3RD INSTEAD OF DINNER, SECRETARY GENERAL, WHO HAS ALREADY ISSUED LUNCHEON INVITATIONS TO THREE LEADING MEMBERS OF EACH DELEGATION, GRACIOUSLY AGREES TO DEFER TO SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION. (WE ASSUME LUNCHEON WILL BE AT WALDORF TOWERS.)

3. SUNTHORN SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE THE SECRETARY IS NOW LUNCHEON HOST, HE (SUNTHORN) WOULD LIKE TO HOST DINNER OCTOBER 3RD. WE SAID WE WOULD CONVEY THIS WISH, WHICH WE WOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT.

4. COMMENT: A) SINCE THE UNITED STATES IS NOW HOST-ING LUNCH AND EVENING RECEPTION, URGE THAT WE CONCUR IN SECRETARY GENERAL'S WISH TO HOST DINNER. B) ALSO  
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STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT

ENTIRE MORNING SESSION OF COUNCIL MEETING IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. SESSION OPENS AT 1000 AND DUE TO WIND UP AT 1200. IT WOULD CREATE UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION IF SECRETARY DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS OWN ADDRESS.

5. REQUEST FOREGOING BE CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR KINTNER UPON ARRIVAL.

6. PLEASE INFORM ROOSEVELT HOTEL URGENTLY THAT SECRETARY GENERAL'S LUNCHEON NOW CHANGED TO DINNER AT 2000 FOR 20 PERSONS. REVISED MENU WILL BE CONVEYED SOONEST, PROBABLY SEPTEMBER 30TH.  
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